

This week at St Lawrence's



11th/12th August 2012

19th Sunday of the Year

(Missal Page 117)

Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 27)

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:30 5:2; John 6:41-51
20th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 120): Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

MARY'S DESTINATION

'The destination of this bus has been changed, please listen for further announcements'

Such words strike fear and annoyance into the hearts of many of us as our journeys are disrupted by forces beyond our control. The destination we had assumed we were headed for is altered, and so begins a tiresome process of changing buses and inevitable delay. If you are like me then you will value certainty, whether on a simple bus journey or in life's big issues.

For Mary, our Mother, the only thing she could be certain of was God's love, and her high calling to bear his Son, Jesus. In her '*Magnificat*' she sings of the Lord's mercy which endures 'from age to age'. Mary is faithful and obedient to her vocation, what's more, she trusts implicitly in God.

On Wednesday we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Her destination is assured, and it is to be with her Son in the glory where he dwells. Consider the various uncertainties in Mary's life - her pregnancy at an early age, the vulnerability of childbirth in a harsh context, watching Jesus act in accordance with his Father's will, regardless of the consequences. Perhaps the only certainty for Mary was that she would find her true home – her destination – in Heaven with her blessed Son.

Try to put aside some time this week to reflect on what this means for you, in midst of the 'changes and chances of this fleeting world.'

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven - Pray for us!

Daniel Humphreys

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SACRAMENTS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith or you would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments you missed as a child, please contact Bridget Brinkley at the parish office or by email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk. You can also complete a form you will find at the back of the Church. The first meeting for all those interested will take place on 11th September at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

MARRIAGE

A gentle reminder for anyone thinking of getting married. The Diocese requires a minimum **six months** notice of your intentions in order to get all the paperwork ready. Please do not book anything or confirm arrangements before speaking to Fr Chris and starting paperwork.

PARISH NOTICES

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 12.15pm. Please note there will not be an evening Mass today.

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS

All Masses for this year are booked. The booking of masses for the coming year 2013 will only be possible when we get our new diary. Anyone who has put in requests through the letter box in the last few weeks but left no contact details, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible as your Masses have not been booked.

Mass Offerings/Intentions are still available to be sent to the Missions for this year.

A SHORTER MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER BOOK

A few copies are available for sale in the repository at £9.99 each. Please do not take home the books that are available for daily use, these belong to the Parish.

ST LAWRENCE'S CENTENARY BADGES

We have some lovely St Lawrence's badges for sale in the repository at £3.00 each.

ST LAWRENCE'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St Lawrence's Parish is now offering a Listening Service for those who have experienced bereavement. This service will be provided by the Bereavement Support Group. A member of our Parish Bereavement Support Group can visit a bereaved person on a regular basis, providing support, often at a time when family and friends have returned to their normal routine. This is a time when our visits can be most appreciated. If you or someone you know, would benefit from this service please contact the Bereavement Support Group by telephoning us on 020 8890 2367.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITION

Please note that these events will take place the on the 14th-15th September.

REST IN PEACE

MARGARET MARY O'BRIEN RIP

Please pray for repose of the soul of Margaret Mary O'Brien RIP whose funeral will take place on Friday, 17th August at 11.30am. We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn her.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Sunday 9th September. The list is now full. **To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.**

OTHER

MASS LED BY THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Fr Richard Offong of the Nigerian Chaplaincy will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 26th August at 2pm to commemorate the first anniversary of the Mass for the African Community taking place at St Lawrence's. Anyone wishing to help with the service please contact Sr. Dominica, Helen or Alice. All parishioners welcome to attend.

PARALYMPIC MASS TO CELEBRATE THE GAMES

A Mass of thanksgiving in honour of the 14th Paralympic Games will take place at St George's Cathedral in Southwark on Saturday 8th September at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are no tickets or reserved seats. To download an invitation and for more information visit www.catholic2012.com

LIVING FAITH DAY CONFERENCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, London SW1. Saturday 15th September 2012 – 11:00am – 6:00pm. Open to all. Suggested donation: £10. Registration is required to guarantee a place. For further information and to book a place e-mail livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or go to www.livingfaithwestminster.eventbrite.com or call 0207 931 6078. (This replaces The Living Faith Weekend Conference planned for Sep 14th – 17th at Heythrop College which has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances).

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL - 24th – 27th August. –

Searchlight@Walsingham:

Are you 16-35 and want a new and exciting experience of your faith with hundreds of other young people? At Youth 2000's Walsingham festival, you will make new friends, hear powerful speakers, be uplifted with amazing music and be in God's presence through Adoration day & night. It's great fun and can be a life-changing experience. For more information check the website www.youth2000.org or contact Nicole on 07811 122372 to sign up and join a group of young people going from Hounslow.

GROWING IN FAITH IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

Formation in the Lay Apostolate for our Parishes - Do you want to grow in the knowledge, spiritual resources and skills which will help you to be of greater service to your parish and her mission? The **Foundation Degree Programme in Pastoral Mission**, jointly directed by the Agency for Evangelisation and Heythrop College, University of London, is designed to serve the formation needs of lay people for roles of closer service in the Church. The programme comprises a thorough background in Catholic Theology, spiritual direction and work-based mentoring. The Programme is 2 years full-time (or 3 years part-time) with the option of direct access to a 1-year top-up for the BA. New students need to receive the endorsement of their parish priest.

For further details please contact the Programme Convenor, Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ, at d.robinson@heythrop.ac.uk; 020-7529-4806.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 11th St Clare	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Alice Deacon RIP (Anniversary) Peter Hocking RIP (Anniversary)
+ Sunday 12th 19th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	People of the Parish Patrick Maple INT Clara Monteiro RIP
Monday 13th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Adelene Mendes RIP
Tuesday 14th St Maximilian Kolbe	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Thadeus & Surinder D'Souza in Thanksgiving Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 15th ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.15 09.30 12.15	Morning Prayer Victoria Dias RIP Emamon Enright (sick)
Thursday 16th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Bertha McDonald RIP
Friday 17th Feria	09.15 09.30 11.30	Morning Prayer Patrick Kilcoyne RIP Funeral Service – MARGARET MARY O'BRIEN RIP
Saturday 18th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Michael Wilson RIP (A) Sacrament of Reconciliation Hildegarde Thon RIP
+ Sunday 19th 20th Sunday of the Year	09.00 11.00 12.45 18.00	David Edwards in Thanksgiving Ivor & Phoebe Van Sanden RIP Baptisms of Ashley Nwokocha and Kailub Emmanuel Rose People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Victoria Ama Fisher RIP

Sunday Mass Times
Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm

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